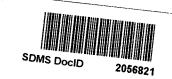
## INTERVIEW SUMMARY Work Assignment ES002 Lower Darby Creek Area Site



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On April 7, 2003 the WITNESS was interviewed at the Congress Hall Hotel, Cape May, New Jersey by Michael McCloskey of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. The following individuals were also present during this interview.

- Brian Nishitani, Esquire: Attorney for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("USEPA").
- Patrick Egan: Civil Investigator for the USEPA.
- Erick Murdock, Esquire: Attorney representing BFI.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site and this aerial photograph was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for Eastern Industrial also referred to by the WITNESS as Eastern Waste Disposal ("Eastern") from November 1967 to 1983. The WITNESS stated that from 1967 to 1968, he was employed by Eastern as a yard boy. The WITNESS stated that from 1969 to 1983, he was employed by Eastern as a trash truck driver.

When asked to explain the types of trucks he drove for Eastern, the WITNESS stated that he usually drove roll-off trucks. The WITNESS stated that he also drove a dump master truck during that time.

When asked to describe a dumpmaster, the WITNESS stated that a dump master was a compactor truck that picked up containers referred to as dumpmaster containers, with a frontend joist used to dump the contents of the container into the top of the compactor. The WITNESS stated that dumpmaster containers ranged in size form 5 to 8 cubic yards and that a dumpmaster trash truck could hold the contents of about 20 to 30 containers on each trip.

The WITNESS stated that Eastern had roll-off containers in varying sizes from 20 to 40 cubic vards.

The WITNESS was asked to identify the locations that he picked up waste from and disposed at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS was also asked to describe the waste from each location and to provide information about the volume of waste that was picked up at each location. The WITNESS provided the following.

- Gulf Refinery: The WITNESS stated that the Gulf Refinery was located near the Platt Bridge in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Gulf had three 20 to 30 cubic yard roll-off containers at this location. The WITNESS described the waste as oilcans, paint cans rags, and wood. The WITNESS stated that all of the refineries that he picked up waste from had paint cans as part of the waste. The WITNESS stated that the oil cans and paint cans often had liquids in them.
- Westinghouse: The WITNESS stated that this company was located in Lester, PA. The WITNESS stated that Westinghouse had two 20-cubic yard roll-off containers.
- Sun Ship Builders: The WITNESS stated that Sun Ship had 15 to 20 roll-off containers in sizes of 20 and 30 cubic yards. The WITNESS stated that Sun Ship also had some dumpmaster containers. The WITNESS described the waste as wood, paint cans and a substance he called "spent shot." The WITNESS described spent shot as residue from sand blasting the metal on ships. He indicated that the new metal on a new ship was sandblasted before painting.
- Sun Oil: The WITNESS stated that Sun Oil had two packaging plants and had 30-cubic yard roll-off containers and 50-60 dumpmaster containers. The WITNESS stated that the waste included 5-gallon oilcans and paint cans. The WITNESS stated that the paint cans could have contained paint.
- BP Plant: The WITNESS stated that BP was located in Marcus Hook, PA. The WITNESS stated that BP had about 20 dumpmaster containers and that the waste included rags, oil and paint cans, and 20-gallon fiber drums. The WITNESS described the fiber drums as cardboard drums and he indicated that some of these drums were lined on the inside with plastic. The WITNESS stated that these drums had a powder residue. The WITNESS stated that one to two pick-ups were made at BP daily.
- Rohm & Haas: The WITNESS stated that the Rohm & Haas that had waste disposed of at Folcroft was the Rohm & Haas located in the Port Richmond area of Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that this company had approximately 12 dumpmaster cans, 2-luggers

containers and two 30 or 40-cubic yard roll-off containers. The WITNESS stated that the waste from this plant included empty cardboard bags and fiber drums. The WITNESS stated that the bags and some of the fiber drums were lined on the inside with a plastic liner. The WITNESS stated that the bags and drums had some yellow powder. He indicated that this powder had a chemical odor. He was unable to describe the odor further.

- Witco: The WITNESS stated that this company was located in Marcus Hook, PA across from the BP Plant. The WITNESS stated that this Plant had a roll-off container and 4-5 dumpmaster containers. The WITNESS stated that the waste included filter cake. The WITNESS described the filter cake as looking like a coffee filter with a residue. The WITNESS stated that this waste had a very bad odor but could not describe this odor further. The WITNESS stated that Witco made additives for gasoline and that this waste was picked up about one time each day.
- Cargill Chemical: The WITNESS stated that this company was located on Delaware Avenue in the south 2800 block. He stated that this Plant had a 6-cubic yard lugger container and a few dumpmaster containers. The WITNESS stated that this waste included filter plates from the processing plant. The WITNESS stated that these filter plates had a white powder residue that had a bad odor. He was unable to describe this odor further. The WITNESS stated that the waste was picked up about two times each week on a call-in basis.
- A&P Warehouse (A&P): The WITNESS stated that A&P was located on Baltimore Pike. The WITNESS described the waste as damaged can foods, fish boxes and "garbage." He did not describe garbage any further.
- LaFrance: The WITNESS stated that LaFrance was located on Island and Enterprise Avenues. The WITNESS stated that this company made plastic moldings for logos and plastic plates that are put on consumer items such as "GM" placed on automobiles. The WITNESS stated that LaFrance had 1-2 dumpmaster containers that were picked up three times each week. The WITNESS stated that the waste included plastic moldings.
- Liquid Arnold ("Arnold"): The WITNESS stated that Arnold was a machine shop located on Chester Pike in the area of Collingdale. The WITNESS stated that Arnold had a dumpmaster that was picked up 1-3 days each week.
- Boeing: The WITNESS stated that Boeing was located on both sides of Industrial Highway and that Eastern picked up containers from the entire Boeing plant. The WITNESS stated that Boeing had approximately 25-30 containers. He indicated that most of these containers were 40-cubic yard roll-off containers. The WITNESS stated that Boeing also had two 40-cubic yard compactor units. The WITNESS stated that the waste included plastic containers from the blade shop.
- Philadelphia Electric at Eddystone (PE): The WITNESS stated that PE had 3-4 roll-off containers that were picked up daily. The WITNESS stated that the roll-off containers

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were 20 and 30-cubic yards. The WITNESS stated that the waste included rags, paint cans, and oilcans. The WITNESS stated that these cans would sometimes have liquid in them.

- Franklin Mint: The WITNESS stated that the Franklin Mint was located in Folcroft during some of the time that the Folcroft Landfill was in use. The WITNESS stated that Franklin Mint had a dumpmaster that was picked up by Eastern.
- A&P Stores: The WITNESS stated that Eastern had dumpmasters at numerous A&P stores.
- Food Fair: The WITNESS stated that Eastern had dumpmaster containers at numerous Food Fair Stores.
- Philadelphia Bulletin Newspaper (Bulletin): The WITNESS stated that the Bulletin was located in the area of 32<sup>nd</sup> and Market Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that the Bulletin had an 8-cubic yard lugger container that was picked up on an on-call basis. The WITNESS described this luger container as sealed with two valves. He indicated that ink was in this container and that the valve was opened at the Folcroft Landfill to drain the ink.

The WITNESS was asked if he transported waste from New Jersey to the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated no.

The WITNESS was asked if he picked up waste from the following locations.

- General Electric: The WITNESS stated no.
- Dupont: The WITNESS stated that Schaivo Brothers picked up waste from this location.
- Budd Company: The WITNESS stated no.
- Jordan Chemical: The WITNESS stated no.
- PGW: The WITNESS stated that Joe Horn picked up PGW waste.
- MAB Paints: The WITNESS stated that Tri-County Hauling picked up waste from this location.
- Scott Paper: The WITNESS stated that NewWay hauled Scott Paper waste. He indicated that NewWay had a transfer station on Oak Avenue.

When asked if Eastern transported bulk liquid waste, the WITNESS stated yes and stated that Eastern had about three tractor cabs and 2-3 tankers. He indicated that the tankers were 5,000-gallons. The WITNESS stated that he did not know if any of the bulk waste was disposed of at Folcroft.

When asked to describe the procedure he followed at Folcroft Landfill when he disposed of waste, the WITNESS stated that Folcroft Landfill was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The WITNESS stated that when he entered the Landfill, he would drive to wherever he saw a bulldozer and dispose of the waste at the location of the bulldozer. The WITNESS stated that when he left the Landfill he would stop at the entrance where a Landfill employee

would fill out a slip. This slip would have the name of the trash company, the date, the size of the container, and the truck drivers signature. The WITNESS stated that this slip was in carbon and that he would get a copy and the employee of the Landfill would keep a copy. The WITNESS stated that he turned in the slips to Eastern at the end of his workday.

The WITNESS was asked to provide any information he had regarding the ownership of Eastern. The WITNESS stated that a John Mayhan with a Frank Desantos (correct spelling unknown) purchased the company from John Alex, Jim McGlin (Correct spelling unknown) and a Cook. The WITNESS stated that Eastern was first located on 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Philadelphia below the Pennrose Dinner. The WITNESS stated that Eastern then moved to 61<sup>st</sup> Street off of Passyunk Avenue in Philadelphia. He indicated that after John Moore took over the company was sold to Atwoods.

The WITNESS was asked about the names of other Eastern trash truck drivers. The WITNESS provided the following.

- John Pelzer (Correct Spelling unknown)
- Claude Gray
- Buck Dunn
- Sam (unknown last name)
- Mike Anderson
- Jessie Fox
- Howard Urick
- Bernie Harman
- Patrick Mack
- Tom Carroll
- Tom Carroll, JR

When asked the names of other waste transport companies that he had observed disposing of waste at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Hawthorne
- NewWay
- Banter (this could be Banta)
- Kaunt & Kaunt (Correct spelling unknown)
- Nash Brothers
- Tri-County Hauling
- Ace Services
- Casper Brothers
- Harvey and Harvey
- William Schaeffer

The WITNESS was asked if the Ace Services (Ace) he named as a company that disposed of waste at Folcroft was located at 123 Wilder Street. The WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that William Eells owned Ace. The WITNESS stated that William Eells died in the 1970s and Ace was taken over by his son Ed Eells. The WITNESS stated that Ed

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Eells died about 5-6 years ago. He did not know the ownership status of Ace at the present time.

When asked the names of any employees at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Ed Mullin: The WITNESS stated that Mullin ran the Landfill.
- Ed Mullin, JR.: The WITNESS stated that Ed Mullin, JR was a mechanic for Tri-County Hauling.
- Squeaky: The WITNESS stated that he did not know this individuals real name. The WITNESS stated that this individual took filled out the slips at the entrance to the Landfill.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."	
Executed on	Signed
(Date)	(Name)